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# In Russia, Man Who Gets The Nod Gets Promoted

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (CTS).—Allen W. Dulles, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, reports that in some instances ways to promotion are surer in the Soviet Union than in the United States. He cites a story told by a recent American visitor to Russia, who found a happy village blacksmith under a spreading larch.



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"Six weeks ago I was an apprentice smith," said the Russian. "The master was giving me instruction. He said: 'I'll grab this shoe out of the fire and then I'll put it on the anvil and when I nod my head you hit it with the hammer.'"

"I did what he said and now I'm the village blacksmith."

Maj. Gen. Wilton B. Persons, the deputy assistant to President Eisenhower, tells of two men who came across a drowned body near his Florida acres. The men thought it might be an eccentric hermit, who lived a short distance away. When they came to his cabin, he came to the door. They explained what had

led them to his cabin.

"What do he look like?" asked the hermit.

"About your build."

"Did he have a shirt?"

"Yep."

"Was it black and white check?"

"No, plaid."

"Nope, it weren't me."

### THE LOT OF THREE UNHAPPY HUNGARIANS.

Victor Taylor, Justice Department lawyer in the alien property custodian section, tells of three Hungarians discussing why they were in prison.

"I'm anti-Nagy," said one.

"I'm pro-Nagy," said the second.

"I'm Nagy," sighed the third.

Victor R. Hansen, assistant attorney general of the United States, recalled in a talk to a group of lawyers recently that he used to be a probate judge in Los Angeles.

"It is not as dull as some would think," he said. "For example, I remember that one will was written on a torn piece of a starched petticoat of a nurse. I had just recovered from speculations about that when I was faced with another will, this time written on the under side of the wooden rung of a ladder."

### SHAVING DIPLOMACY PRETTY CLOSE.

State Undersecretary Herbert Hoover Jr. described successful diplomacy as a subtle way of achieving a desired end. He tells of a headwaiter in a fashionable restaurant who was horrified to see a diner wrap a napkin about his neck as he seated himself for a repast.

Calling a waiter over, the headwaiter instructed him to make it clear to the guest, without offending him, that he was committing a grave breach of etiquette. The waiter went to the guest, bowed and said:

"Shave or a haircut, sir?"

Adm. Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, tells of the stranger who approached a barefoot boy in a Kentucky mountain village.

"Know them hills, son?" the stranger asked.

"Yes," the boy replied.

"Know any stills in them hills?"

"Yes."

"Will you take me to one for \$5?"

"Yes."

"Lead the way."

When the boy refused to move, the stranger demanded to know why.

"Mister," the boy said, "I want my pay now; you ain't coming back."